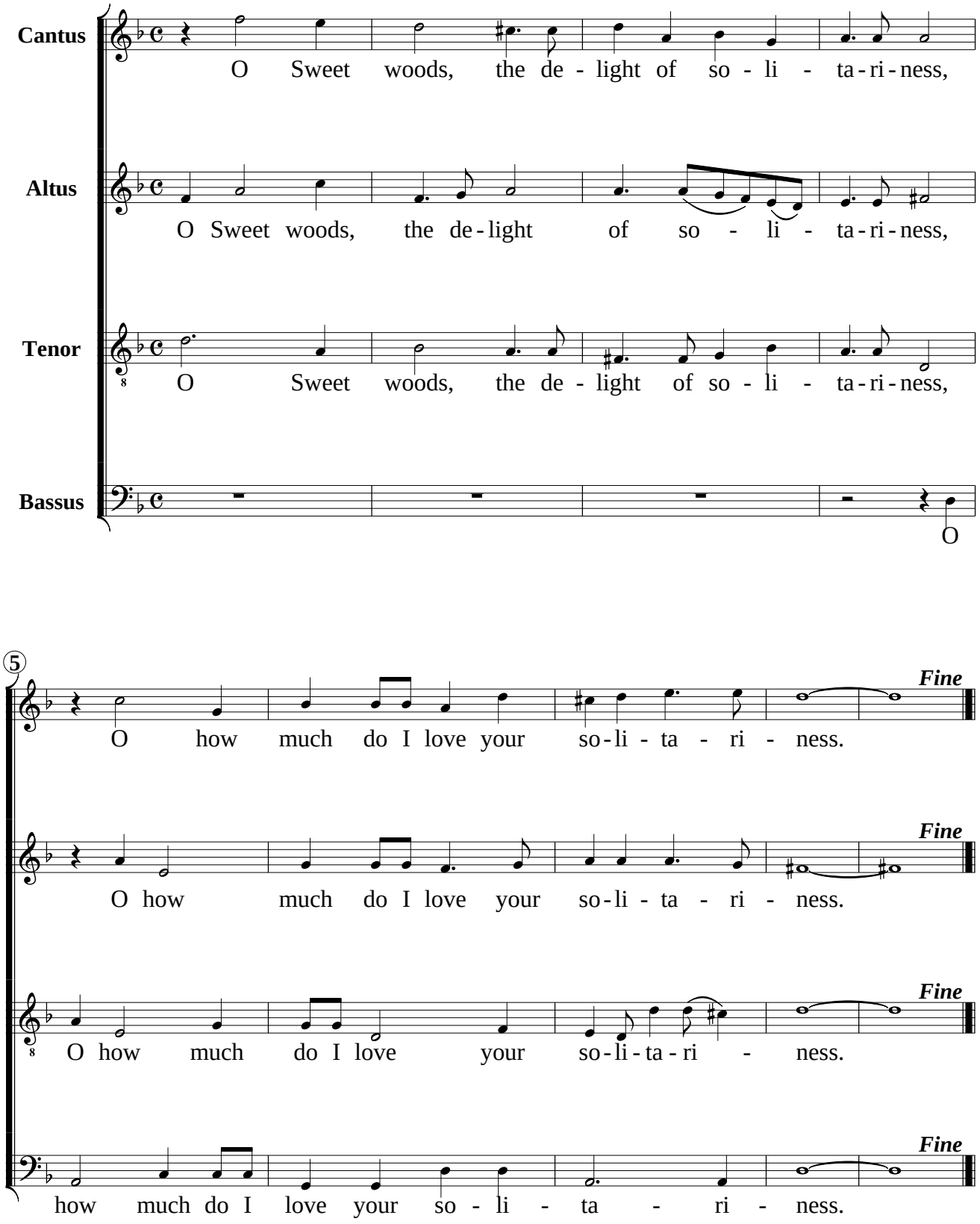
O Sweet woods, the delight of solitariness

#10 from The Second Book of Songs or Ayres

John Dowland



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From fame's de - sire, from love's de - light re - tired,
Ex - per - ience which re - pen - tance on - ly brings,
You men that give false wor - ship un - to Love,
You woods, in you the fair - est Nymphs have walked,

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In these sad groves an Her - mit's life I led,
Doth bid me now my heart from love es - trange,
And seek that which you ne - ver shall ob - tain,
Nymphs at whose sight all hearts did yield to Love,

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Doth bid me now my heart from love es - trange, es-trange,
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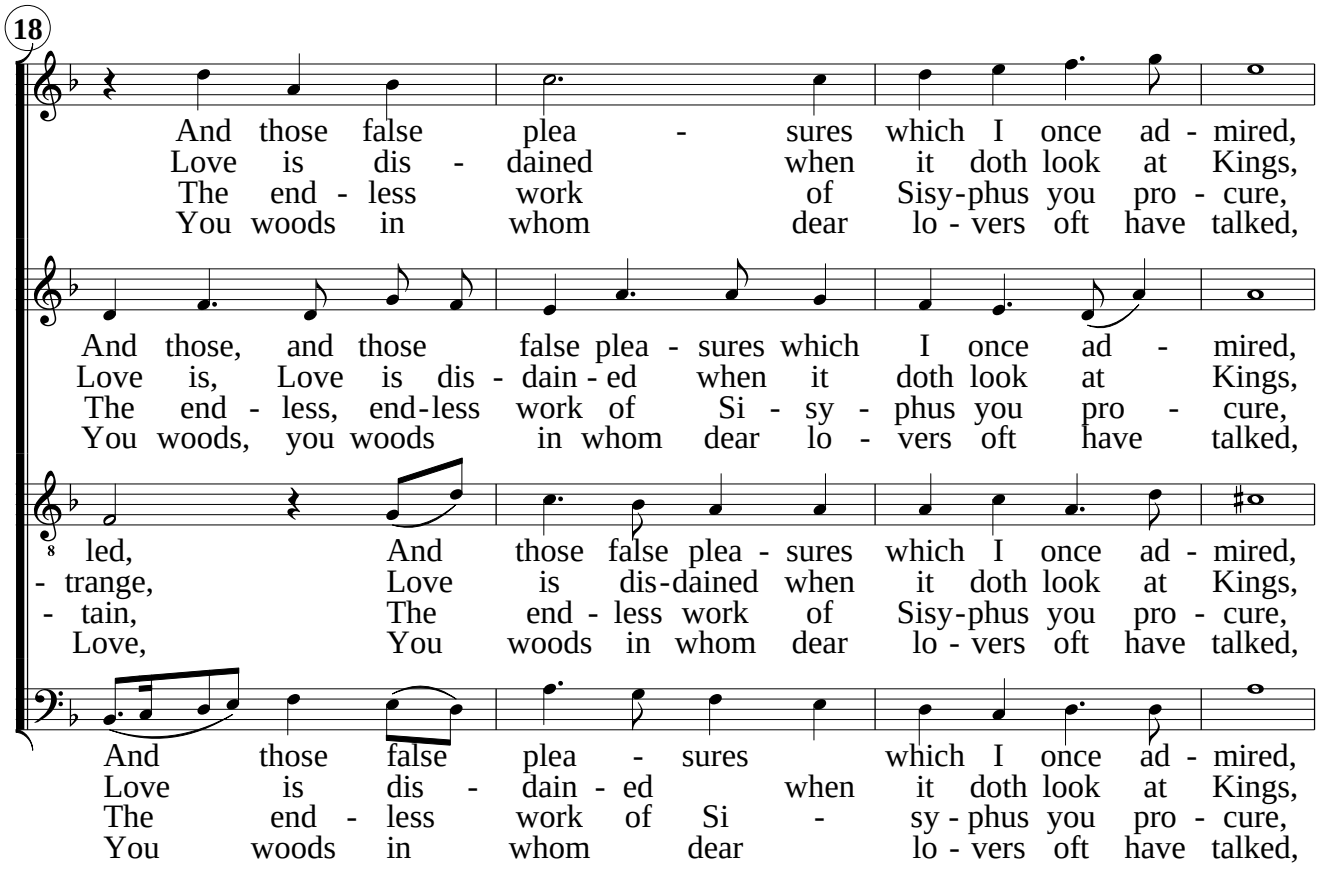
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And those false plea - sures which I once ad - mired,
Love is dis - dained when it doth look at Kings,
The end - less work of Sisy-phus you pro - cure,
You woods in whom dear lo - vers oft have talked,
And those, and those false plea - sures which I once ad - mired,
Love is, Love is dis - dain - ed when it doth look at Kings,
The end - less, end-less work of Si - sy - phus you pro - cure,
You woods, you woods in whom dear lo - vers oft have talked,
led, And those false plea - sures which I once ad - mired,
- trange, Love is dis-dained when it doth look at Kings,
- tain, The end - less work of Sisy-phus you pro - cure,
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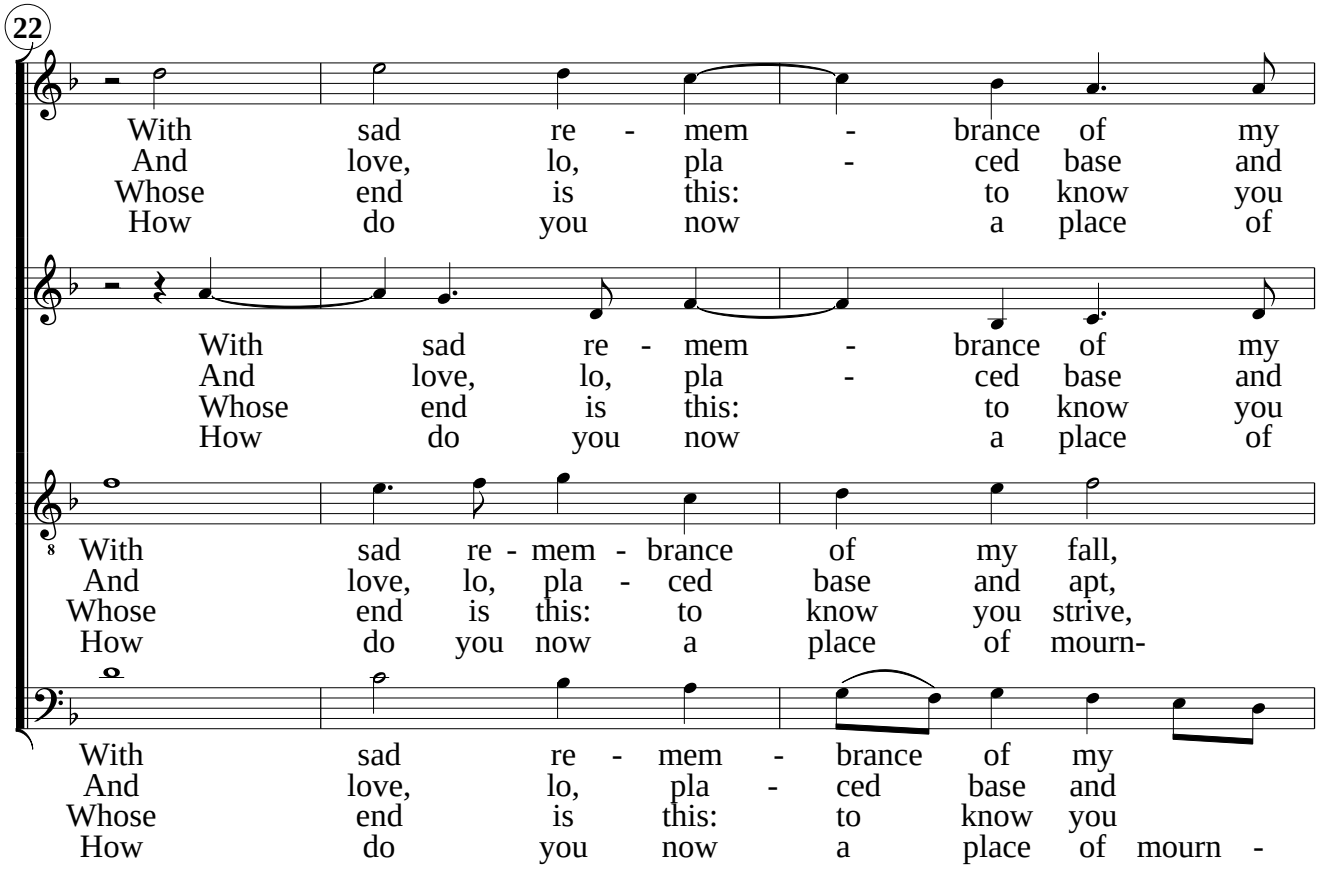
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With sad re - mem - brance of my
And love, lo, pla - ced base and
Whose end is this: to know you
How do you now a place of
With sad re - mem - brance of my
And love, lo, pla - ced base and
Whose end is this: to know you
How do you now a place of
With sad re - mem - brance of my fall,
And love, lo, pla - ced base and apt,
Whose end is this: to know you strive,
How do you now a place of mourn-
With sad re - mem - brance of my
And love, lo, pla - ced base and
Whose end is this: to know you
How do you now a place of mourn -

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fall, my fall I dread, To birds, to
apt, and apt to change: Their power doth
strive, you strive in vain, Hope and de-
mourn - ing, mourn - ing prove, Wan - stead, My

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trees, to earth, im part I this, For she less
take from him his li - ber - ty, Her want of
- sire which now your I - dols be, Your needs must
Mis - tress' faith, this is the doom, Thou art love's

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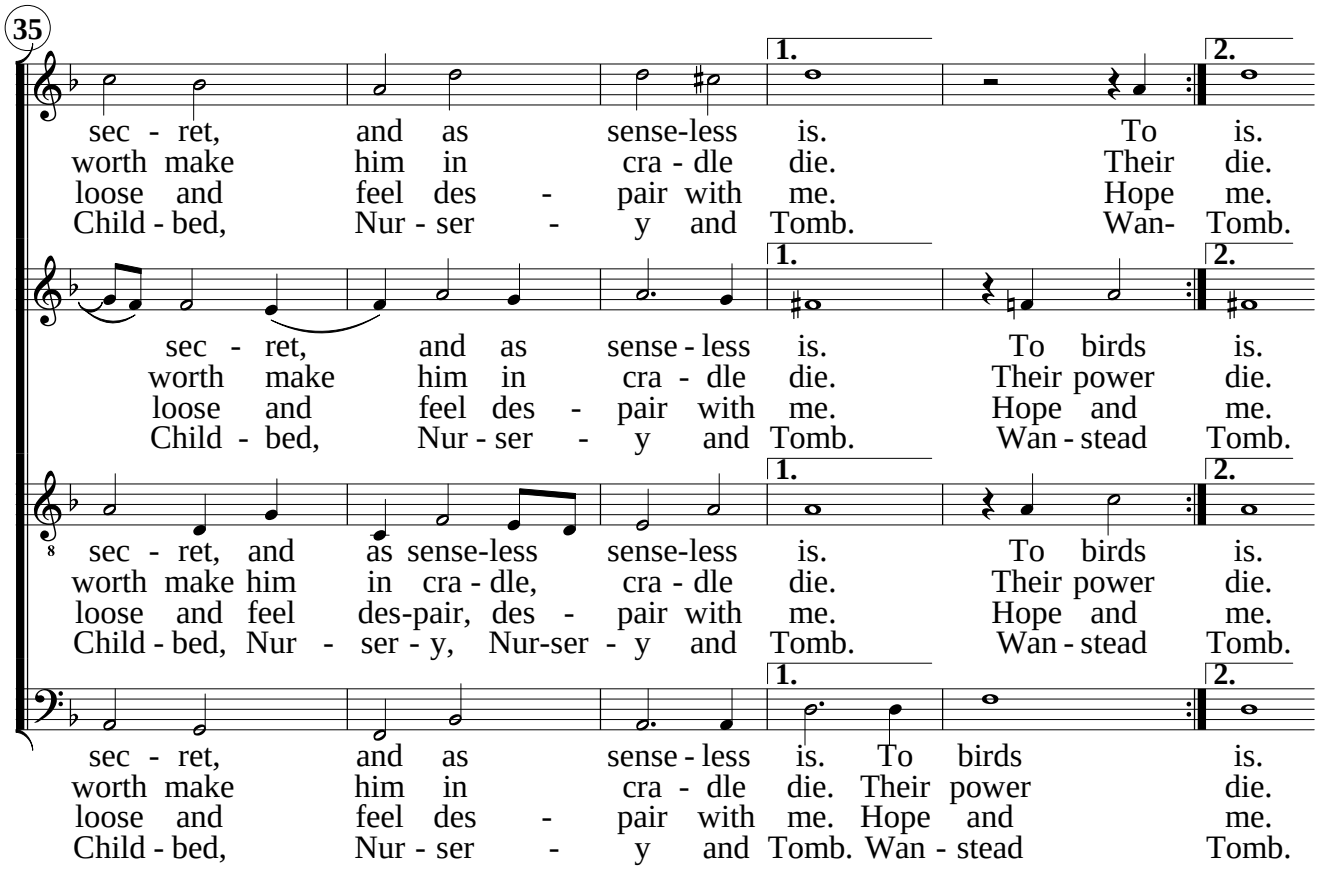
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sec - ret, and as sense-less is. To is.
worth make him in cra - dle die. Their die.
loose and feel des - pair with me. Hope me.
Child - bed, Nur - ser - y and Tomb. Wan- Tomb.
sec - ret, and as sense - less is. To birds is.
worth make him in cra - dle die. Their power die.
loose and feel des - pair with me. Hope and me.
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